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SUBJECT: TRAIN AND HERTER REQUEST MEETING WITH SCARASCIA
AND CARPENTIER

1. EPA ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL TRAIN AND OES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, JR., WHO WILL BE IN BRUSSELS FOR THE APRIL 8-9 CCMS PLENARY, WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT CARLO SCARASCIA-MUGNOZZA AND MICHEL CARPENTIER, DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICE. TRAIN AND HERTER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

2. WEDNESDAY NOON IS ONLY TIME BOTH TRAIN AND HERTER STILL HAVE OPEN IN COMMON. IF SCARASCIA AND CARPENTIER ARE AVAILABLE, HERTER WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO INVITE THEM TO LUNCH APRIL 9. IN VIEW SITE CCMS SESSION, ONE OF THE INNS NEAR NATO HEADQUARTERS WOULD SEEM MOST CONVENIENT FOR US PARTICIPANTS. MISSION REQUESTED EXTEND INVITATION AND,
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IF ACCEPTED, MAKE APPROPRIATE RESERVATION FOR 1:00 PM AT,

FOR EXAMPLE, MOULIN DE LINDEKEMMEL. HERTER WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE AMBASSADOR GREENWALD COULD JOIN THEM FOR THIS LUNCH. (OBVIOUSLY, IF SCARASCIA VOLUNTEERS TO HOST SUCH A LUNCH, US PARTICIPANTS WOULD GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT.)

3. IN ORDER PROPERLY BRIEF HERTER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD HAVE (PRIOR TO APRIL 4) IDEA OF EC PLANS RE TIMING NEXT US-EC COOPERATION MEETING SO WE COULD MAKE SUGGESTIONS RE OUR PREFERENCES, AS APPROPRIATE. MOST RECENT INFORMAL EXCHANGE WITH ZITO INDICATED EC GROUP TRAVELING TO CANADA SOME TIME IN MAY AND WISHED TO COMBINE TALKS WITH US IN SAME TRIP. MISSION THEREFORE REQUESTED INFORMALLY APPROACH ZITO TO CONFIRM WHETHER CANADIAN TRIP DEFINITE AND, IF SO, DATES. ALSO HOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY EC HAS IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH US BEFORE OR AFTER CANADA VISIT, OR, IF NO SUCH VISIT IS IN THE OFFING, GENERAL EC FLEXIBILITY. MISSION ALSO REQUESTED INFORMALLY ASCERTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER SCARASCIA-MUGNOZZA INTENDS TRAVEL TO US IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING US-EC MEETING. KISSINGER

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